storages capcity for storing onion in various States and Union Territories of the country.

(3) Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is being implemented for horticultural crops including onion for providing proper price to the growers on specific requests of State Governments. The Scheme envisages the procurement of the determined quantity of produce at an agreed price for a specific period to arrest downward trend of price and assure remunerative prices to the farmers. Losses, if any, are shared on 50:50 basis between Central and State Governments. NAFED is the central nodal agency for procurement under MIS scheme.

Technology Mission for Oilseeds and Pulses

3274. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched technology mission for the promotion of oilseeds and pulses;

(b) if so, the State where the technology mission has been launched;

(c) whether it has been launched in Orissa;

(d) if so, the specific areas in that State where the technology mission has been launched; and

(e) the amount spent thereon so far during Eighth and Ninth Plan, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two schemes namely Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) have been launched by Technology mission for increasing the production of Oilseeds & Pulses in the country. The States covered under these schemes are as under :

States Under OPP

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.

States/UTs under NPDP

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Island, Bihar, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The districts covered under OPP and NPDP in the State of Orissa are as under:

OPP districts in Orissa

Bolangir, Balasore, Cuttak, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Koraput, Phulbani, Puri, Sambalpur, Sundergarh.

NPDP districts in Orissa

Balasore, Bolangir, Cuttak, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Keonjhar, Koraput, Kalahandi, Mayurbhanj, Puri, Phulbani, Sambalpur and Sundergarh.

(e) The year-wise releases of funds made to the State of Orissa during Eighth and Ninth Plan under OPP and NPDP is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Eighth Plan	Releases under	
	OPP	NPDP
1992-93	315.08	88.45
1993-94	430.45	100.00
1994-95	457.33	Nil
1995-96	444.00	131.66
1996-97	623.00	332.27
TOTAL	2269.86	652.38
Ninth Plan		
1997-98	500.00	45.00
1998-99	500.00	180.00
1999.2000	500.00	180.00
2000-2001	70.00 (so far)	24.25 (so far)